

[Cab Driver]

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NEW YORK Forms to be Filled out for Each Interview

FORM A Circumstances of Interview

STATE New York State

NAME OF WORKER Terry Roth

ADDRESS 47 W. 69th St. New York

DATE Dec. 12, 1938

SUBJECT "EXPERIENCES OF A CAB DRIVER"

1. Date and time of interview

Dec. 9th, Noon

2. Place of interview

Central Park

3. Name and address of informant

Not given

4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant.

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5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you

6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

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FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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"This W. P. A. investigator visited an Italian to check his history. The record showed 10 kids living with the guy, and a wife who man living in Italy but whom he supported. "When did you see your wife the last time?" he asked the client. "I see her three year ago" was the answer. The investigator looked at his records. "You say you have a child 13 years old, one 12, another 11, and your youngest is a year old, how is that, if you haven't seen your wife for three years. "Oh, my wife, she was married before."

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"I am long time driving cab. When I comes here to dis country I have been working in factory. So one say you drive cab so I learn the city to know all the stands, hotels and everything you must know for examination but I didn't know well the entrances. I pass examination and 3rd day I am working, a man told me to go in Central Park. I go Central

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Park, look for entrance, seems to me I got it but it's transfer and two times I come in park and two times it's transfer and I am out of the park again. The man and woman begins to bother me. "What's the matter with you. Don't you want to go to the park. What kind of sect (sex) you are if a man goes in park with a girl to have a good time you go out of the park all the time." So they go out of cab and take another one. Now I have beeg experience with park! I know entrance, I keep in park.